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In re PATENT APPLICATION of

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**Title: SYNTHESIZED SILICA GLASS OPTICAL MEMBER AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING
THE SAME**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.115

Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to the examination of this application on its merits, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.